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## Local Matters.

### Board of Aldermen.

There was a short special meeting of the board of aldermen on Monday evening, for the purpose of marking the examination papers of the candidates for the position of mechanic for the fire department. This was done in executive session, after a little business had been disposed of in open session.

There were two applications for license to peddle, which brought up another discussion of the whole subject of peddling. Several of the members seemed decidedly opposed to granting any more peddlers' licenses, and the applicants were given leave to withdraw. Mayor Burlingame read a letter from the American-LaFrance Company, requesting that when the new fire apparatus arrives it be left in the cars until representatives arrive from the factory to unload it and set it up. It was stated that two pumps were shipped July 21, two combinations July 24, and the remaining pump will be shipped July 31. No date was assigned for shipment of the ladder trucks.

At the weekly meeting of the board on Thursday evening, a mechanic for the fire department was elected after a long deadlock. The candidate elected was somewhat in the nature of a dark horse, John B. Williams being the unanimous choice of the board. The election took place after announcement was made of the result of the second examinations, Williams leading his opponent by a few points. He was called before the board and asked a few questions as to his experience and qualifications, the answers being satisfactory to the members.

Weekly bills and pay rolls were approved, and routine business was transacted. The Newport & Fall River Street Railway Company was given permission to erect three poles on Bartlett court, a private way, and also for use on Water Works road, but a petition for Fowler avenue was denied. A communication was received from the Newport Engineering Works relative to the rejected hose, which the contractors were prepared to replace, but the board took no action in the matter. Bids were opened for the purchase of the old voting booths belonging to the city, and they went to the highest bidder, John Kirby, at \$108 for the five. A number of licenses of various kinds were granted, and other routine business was transacted.

The annual meeting of the Park Commission was held on Tuesday afternoon when Colonel Joseph H. Willard was elected chairman and Mr. Richard Gardner secretary. The chairmanship of this important commission has been held for a number of years by former Alderman William Shepley, who is still a member of the commission.

A number of large entertainments are planned among the summer colony for the next few weeks. The season has far been rather less than usual this way of large entertainments, but due to a number of causes. However, there are a great many parties here, and the month of August is undoubtedly a busy one.

Some of the Atlantic fleet will be in the harbor by Saturday night, and the hearts of the women will be made glad. It is thought that the fleet will remain in the vicinity of Newport until late September, although it had been originally planned to leave for Southern waters on August 1.

Some of the previous announcements of the fair are now said to be correct. The handsome summer home of the late Mrs. Stuyvesant is to be sold. The property is on the market, however.

The summer City of Lowell brought a large excursion from New London on Thursday afternoon.

### Fire Apparatus Arrives.

There are now standing on the floor of the old headquarters building on Marlborough street two of the three new automobile pumps for the fire department which were ordered some months ago. Many persons have taken the opportunity to inspect them, and the general verdict is that they are businesslike machines. They are equipped with many accessories now to the men of the Newport fire department, but which have been found advantageous for fire fighting in many other cities.

The two machines arrived on the night freight and were unloaded by Mr. Roland E. Arter, the local agent of the manufacturers, at noon. They were taken direct to headquarters, which will be the new No. 1 station, Mr. Arter driving one and Deputy Chief Lawton the other. They attracted considerable attention on the way. As soon as they were installed in the station, the various accessories were examined by the fire department officers and some of them were tested, but by application to the hydrant in the water works yard. The machines themselves will not be tested until all have arrived.

The last of the three pumps ordered will be shipped from the factory today and should arrive here by the middle of next week. Soon after its arrival, engineers will come down from the National Board of Fire Underwriters to conduct the official tests for the city. Invitations will be sent to fire department officials of other cities to witness the tests.

### Child Killed by Wagon.

A little girl named Mary Agloro was run over and killed by a wagon in Calender avenue early Wednesday morning. She was only about two years of age and with two other children, somewhat older, she was playing in the street. There was no adult person about, but according to the story told by the other girls she was struck and knocked down by a horse and the wheels passed over her. The driver of the wagon was ignorant that he had struck anyone and he continued on his way without stopping. The police brought to the station the driver who was thought to be responsible for the accident, but if he was the right man he certainly knew nothing about it. The child was picked up as soon as her companions had summoned help and was taken to the Hospital in an automobile, but she passed away within a few minutes.

Commodore Baker's steam yacht Viking ran into a little sloop, belonging to Rev. J. Andrew Jones in the harbor last Saturday evening, causing considerable excitement for a time. There were a number of ladies in the sailboat, and one of them was thrown several feet away from the boat by the force of the collision. She was picked up and taken on board the Viking where she received first aid, being later brought to Newport for medical treatment. All the members of the party were considerably shaken up and the boat was badly damaged.

Another fatality, caused by a child playing in the street, again emphasizes the danger of this practice. Some of the important streets of the city are swarming with children in the early evening, and many an autoist has had the blood almost frozen in his veins when he has narrowly escaped running over a young child. However, this is a dangerous practice that will probably never be abated as long as there are thousands of children who have no yards of their own in which to play. The many playgrounds established by the city do not solve the problem.

In the crowd at the Beach last Sunday, the five-year old son of a Taunton man was reported missing, and after a prolonged search for him it was thought that he must have been taken home by friends and his father went back to Taunton on the 9.15 train. A short time later the little boy was picked up on Walnut street, having wandered over to the Point from the Beach. The father returned for him Monday morning.

A number of members of Coronet Council, No. 63, Royal Arcanum, went to Jamestown in one of Champion's launches Wednesday evening, the occasion being the official visitation to Conant Council by Deputy Grand Regent William H. Honnen.

There was a miniature flood in the Langely apartments Sunday morning, some one having turned the water into the boiler and the flow passing out through the radiators.

The engagement is announced of Miss Violet Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith of North Attleboro and Mr. Andrew Harris Bryer of this city.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Newport Casino will be held next Monday morning.

### Newport's Growth.

Many residents of Newport were surprised at the splendid showing made by Newport in the last State census, the official figures for which were announced last week. Inasmuch as there are no great industries here few people seemed to realize that the city was making a steady and consistent growth. But when it is remembered that the various government stations here are growing all the time, especially the Torpedo Station, with its necessary increase in the number of naval and civilian employes, one good reason for Newport's growth can be seen. The Old Colony shops furnish employment to many skilled workmen, and there are several smaller industries which support many families. Then too there is a steady marked growth in the number of well-to-do families who select Newport as a winter residence.

New cottages are going up in all parts of the city. In fact some sections that one may not have seen for a year or two would scarcely be recognized to-day. The demand for cottages and tenements at a reasonable figure keeps pace with the supply, which is a very good indication that the city is growing. It is not a boom growth by any means.

### The Newport Directory.

The Newport Directory for 1915 has made its appearance from the directory publishing house of Sampson & Mordock Co., who have been publishing this directory for many years. It is as complete and accurate as ever. Every effort is made by a skilled force of canvassers to secure accurate information for the Directory, and the errors are so few as to be almost non-existent. The Directory shows that Newport continues to grow steadily and healthily. In the 1914 Directory there were 12,997 names, and in that for 1915 there are 13,652 names, an increase of 655. There were 2,294 names added in compiling the 1915 book, and 1,167 names erased.

Two men hired a jitney in Fall River last Saturday night to come through to Newport. The jitney driver claims that one of the men, while in a lonely spot, held him up and made a demand for money, the attempt at robbery being frustrated by another auto party that came up suddenly. The man jumped from the car but was caught and brought to Newport, where he pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with attempt to commit robbery and was held in \$1000 bail for trial.

Newport was treated to a good rain Wednesday night that freshened up the grass wonderfully. Although other sections of New England have had an excessive rainfall for July, Newport has had a deficiency. We have had plenty of dull and disagreeable days, but without the needed rain. In other localities terrific thundershowers during the early part of the month brought much precipitation.

There is to be an increase in the price of milk in Newport, beginning August 1st. The price of milk delivered in bottles to customers' houses will be raised from eight cents to ten cents a quart. Mr. Clifton B. Ward, town treasurer of Middletown, and one of the large milk producers of the island, has issued a circular to his customers setting forth many reasons for the increase.

Lands End Lodge, No. 1040, Loyal Order of Moose, will hold a field day at Coddington Point on August 8th, and the committee is now busy arranging a programme for the day. It is expected that there will be an attendance of 2000 or more, as many members of the order from the ships of the Atlantic Fleet are making plans to be present.

The annual lawn party for the benefit of the children's ward at the Newport Hospital was held on the Hospital grounds on Friendship street on Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance, and a good sum of money was netted for the cause. The grounds presented a very attractive appearance with their vari-colored booths.

The Panama Exposition seems to prove quite a drawing card for Newporters in spite of the distance across the continent. Miss Ruth B. Franklin, with a party of friends, starts for the West today, and Rev. William Safford Jones will start on August 8th. There are already a number of Newporters on the Pacific coast.

The annual cruise of the Rhode Island Naval Militia will start on August 15th. The naval battalion will be brought to this city on the Alleen and here transferred to the battleship Kentucky which will be the floating home of the seamen for the next twelve days.

The fleet of the New York Yacht Club will be in Newport harbor next week on the annual regatta of the club.

The annual fair for the benefit of St. Augustin's Church will open next Monday night.

### A Garage Fire.

Friday afternoon there was a lively fire in the old barn on Greenestreet occupied by E. A. Brown's Market as a stable and garage. The fire was caused by the backfire of an automobile and spread quickly to the upper story where there was a quantity of hay stored.

The building was completely gutted and the roof was entirely burned off. At one time the flames burst high over the roof and threatened the residence on the east, but a screen of water prevented it from catching. Early arrivals removed two horses, but the automobile was a total loss.

The new men of the department had a chance to try themselves as firemen for the first time.

### Police Auto Arrives.

The new motor police patrol wagon, which will be a part of the equipment of the new Police station, arrived in this city Tuesday evening, having made the run down from Boston over the road during the day. Alderman Kelly and Mechanician Epleck went to Taunton and met the car there, continuing down to Newport on it. The car is very striking in appearance, and would never be mistaken for anything but what it is. It is painted blue and is lettered "N. P. D." "Police Patrol." It is a heavy and substantial affair with seating capacity for twenty. The body is caged in with heavy iron wire, and there are side curtains that can be dropped to enclose the body. The chassis is a White, with considerable power.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Harriet Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Cunningham, and Dr. Horace Binney. The parents of Miss Cunningham have been summer residents of Newport for a number of years, owning an attractive villa on Washington street. Dr. Binney is also well known here, being a son of the late William Binney of Providence and Newport.

There were arguments in the Superior Court in Providence before Judge Rathbun on Saturday on the motion to declare James W. G. Walker in contempt of court because of his failure to pay the \$160 monthly alimony ordered by the court. Judge Rathbun took the case under advisement.

Mr. Joseph M. Colt, son of the late Joseph Colt, died at his residence at Broadway and Mann avenue on Sunday after a long illness. He had been crippled for a great many years, having been confined to a wheel chair from boyhood. He is survived by a widow and one child.

A young man named John Sullivan of this city, formerly employed as a telegraph operator here, was a passenger on the steamer Eastland when she capsized in the Chicago river last Saturday with a terrible loss of life. He jumped from the boat when she tipped and was picked up in the river.

Many apprentices from the Training Station are being transferred to the ships of the Atlantic fleet, the period of training having been cut short a month because of the necessity for men aboard the ships. The weekly drills have been suspended for a time.

The series of races arranged to take place between the crack sloops Resolute and Vanlie off this port during the past week have been greatly interfered with by fog. Several events have been postponed.

Work on the Spring street pavement is being rushed and it is hoped that it will be finished in a few days. The worst grade, near Pope street, has been corrected to make safer traveling.

A couple who were selling liquor on a houseboat at Prudence Island were brought to Newport by the authorities of the town of Portsmouth on Tuesday and are held in \$200 bail each for trial.

Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt has announced her intention of presenting a large American flag and a suitable staff for use on Aquidneck Park.

The police are starting a campaign against those drivers of vehicles who ignore the law requiring lights on all vehicles after dark.

The annual meeting of the General Greene Association will be held Saturday, August 7, at the rooms of the Newport Historical Society, at 12 M.

Mrs. John C. Seabury was operated upon for appendicitis at the Newport Hospital last Saturday afternoon, and is now progressing well.

Mr. Robert Reid gave an interesting talk on painting at the rooms of the Art Association on Sunday afternoon to a good sized audience.

The Portsmouth Camp Meeting is on, and the camp grounds on the Newport & Providence Railway have quite an animated appearance.

### Recent Deaths.

#### Joseph A. Hoar.

Mr. Joseph A. Hoar, a well known resident of this city, died at his home on Malborie avenue on Thursday after a long illness. He was born in Warren but had lived for many years in Portsmouth and Newport, having been connected with the Newport Water Works for about thirty-five years. He was of a genial and companionable disposition, efficient in his duties, and was well liked by all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Hoar was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., Newport Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., and Newport Lodge, No. 101, B. P. O. Elks. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Messrs. Allan Hoar and John M. Hoar.

The Massachusetts Electric Company which owns the Newport Street Railway earned only two per cent. on its preferred stock in the year ending June 30. The net earnings for the year just passed showed a decrease over the previous year of over half a million dollars. This is not a good showing for the stock holders.

The final round in the lawn tennis tournament now in progress at the Y. M. C. A. will probably be played today, when Dr. C. Edward Farnum and A. O. Wilke will contest for the championship. Thursday afternoon, Dr. Farnum qualified for the final round by defeating J. Percy Lawton in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-1.

The Damsat at Marble House for the benefit of the Congressional Union, and children left destitute by the war, will take place this afternoon. There has been a large advance sale of tickets, and it is expected that there will be a very large attendance.

Miss Elizabeth Hammett submitted to a rush operation for appendicitis at the Newport Hospital Thursday morning. She had been operated upon for the removal of gall stones but a few weeks before, and her condition is now regarded as serious.

Mr. Daniel E. Harrington is recovering from a hurried operation for appendicitis at the Newport Hospital. He was enjoying his annual vacation in Maine when he was stricken and hastened back to Newport for the operation.

Mrs. John C. Seabury is making steady progress after an operation for appendicitis performed at the Newport Hospital by Dr. Darrah. The operation was a success in every particular and Mrs. Seabury is now recovering rapidly.

A review of the Coast Artillery Companies in the Narragansett Bay District was tendered to Governor H. Livingston Beckman at Fort Adams on Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance of spectators.

### PORTSMOUTH.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

#### Lawn Party.

There was a large attendance at the lawn party given by St. Anthony's Church at Fair Hall. The grounds were prettily decorated with strings of electric lights. Many pretty booths were also on the lawns, these booths being decorated with vari-colored bunting and parasols. Misses Mary Corcoran, Mary Chase and Ella Consky presided at the candy table. Mrs. Joseph Pacheco was in charge of the fancy-work booth, assisted by Mrs. Kieran, Misses Mary Lopes, Mary Fancien, Annie Oleivian and Gladys Brazil. Misses Agnes Walsh and Margaret Martin were at the fishpond. Mrs. James Williams and Mrs. Thibault sold flowers. Miss Mary Do Terra and Emma Lewis were at the ice-cream tables. Messrs. John J. Corcoran and J. Frank Chase Jr. were at the entrance. There were wheels of chance, where many prizes were won by the young people. Many other articles were sold on shares. The supper committee was Miss Annie Coggeshall, chairman, Mrs. Rosa Barker, Mrs. Michael J. Murphy, Mrs. Lincoln Sisson, Mrs. James McGovern, Mrs. J. Frank Chase, Mrs. Manuel Lopes, Mrs. Manuel Brazil, Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. Patrick F. Murphy, Mrs. Cornelius Sheehan and Mrs. Edward Barrett. They were assisted by Misses Annie Davis, Nora and Mary Sheehan, Lena Kelen, Rosa Soares, and Sulo Chloza. Father Manuel Barros was in charge of the arrangements.

Miss Molly Gray, who has been spending the past month with Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Clarke, has returned to her home.

Mrs. M. F. Taylor of Providence is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Anthony.

Mr. Thomas Taylor who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Anthony has returned to his home.

There was no service at the Christian Church on Sunday, nor will there be next Sunday, the church being closed to allow the members to attend the camp meeting.

Mrs. Lydia Chase who has been for some time with her son, Richard R. Chase at Gales Ferry, Conn., is visiting her daughter Mrs. Richard R. Macomber.

Mrs. M. A. Steele is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey at Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H.

Mr. Charles W. Anthony and Mr. Walter Gray are spending a week in Jamestown camping near the Golf Grounds.

Mrs. Aea Coggeshall of Newport has been visiting in town.

Miss Carolyn D. Anthony is visiting Miss Mary S. Lamb of New Bedford.

Mrs. Dussault has resigned her position as soprano soloist at St. Mary's Church and has accepted a similar position in the Unitarian Church of Fall River.

The Portsmouth Camp Meeting Association is holding its 25th annual meeting beginning July 22. The attendance has not been as large as in previous years.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Carter and family have moved into the house they recently purchased on Sprague street.

Mr. William Harvey of Saylesville is guest of his brother, Mr. Charles Harvey.

Dr. and Mrs. John Hussey and their two children of Providence, have taken a house on Glen street for the summer. Mrs. Hussey is a sister of Mrs. Michael J. Murphy of this town.

Mr. Harry Dale, who is a Pullman car conductor on a Boston train, has returned to his employment, after a visit to his family at their home on Quaker hill.

### Middleton.

From our regular Correspondent.

An enjoyable day was spent by the members of Aquidneck Grange and their families last week at the annual picnic at "Long Elm Place" by invitation of Mrs. William M. Hughes. There were various amusements about the house, while a program of sports was conducted in an adjoining meadow by the committee, Mrs. Phoebe C. Taber, Miss Ellen M. Peckham, and Mrs. J. Willis Peckham, assisted by the State Master, Joseph A. Peckham and Rev. E. E. Wells, the latter acting as time keeper. Boys and girls of all ages participated in the races and there were prizes for the winners. Of especial interest was the race between worthy Master John Nicholson and worthy Lecturer William C. Hubbard, the master winning by a small margin. Races by the little tots proved most amusing. There was an attendance of about 80. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Lewis R. Manchester, Miss Mary Manchester, and Mrs. Hughes. The picnic being held on the regular Grange date, the regular meeting was omitted.

St. Columba's Guild had a largely attended meeting on Friday last at "Rock Ridge Farm" by invitation of Miss Mary Appleton, who with Miss Helen Ellis, is spending a portion of the summer there. The time was devoted mainly to the usual sewing. Light refreshments were served. Before their departure the guests were shown over the summer bungalow which has a magnificent view of the country at the East side as well as of the Bays about Sachuest Point.

The bungalow at Bethshan-in-the-Woods is being occupied for three weeks by a party of 20 children from St. Mary's Orphanage Providence, with their matron, Miss Jennings. This annual outing is made possible through the kindness of Mrs. Gibbs. At the expiration of the allotted time another group of children arrive until all have enjoyed a vacation. The bungalow is finely equipped with conveniences and comforts, and the adjoining woods are a joy to all who visit them.

Rev. Robert Bachman Jr., curate at St. James' Church, New York, will continue to supply at the Berkeley Memorial Chapel until the return of the rector, Rev. Latta Griswold, who is expected back early in August.

On last Sunday, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. E. E. Wells was assisted at the evening meeting by two seamen from battleship Wyoming with whom he had been in correspondence for two years as the result of his having conducted services on board ship. The sailors, Otis Camp of Indiana, and Walter Strong of Alabama, spoke of the work being done, through the Y. M. C. A. of the country for the sailors and of the appreciative efforts of many of the young men to maintain Bible classes on board ship.

A very successful lawn party was held on Tuesday at the Methodist Episcopal church by the Epworth League over 200 having attended. The out-door booths were devoted to candy, cake, and the "Aunt Jemima" products. In doors in the large Sunday School room, a league table contained useful and fancy articles, and a second table, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, held domestic, childrens dresses, worned, & crocheted articles. An excellent salad supper was served from 6:30 to 8 o'clock. Hodgson's Orchestra gave a musical program in the evening. Special electrical effects, made a brilliant illumination. The appearance of the moon on the scene, completed a perfect evening. Mr. William Livesey Brown, as president of the Epworth League had general charge, and was aided by a large number of efficient Committees.

The annual lawn party of the combined churches of St. Mary's and Holy Cross will be held Wednesday at Holy Cross Guild House, afternoon and evening. A salad supper will be served at 5 P. M. The Alpha Orchestra will furnish music.

The annual picnic of the Methodist Episcopal Church parish will be held at Lawton's Valley on Wednesday next.

The members of the Paradise Club will serve a chowder dinner at noon on Thursday next, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarence Peckham.

Mrs. Crawford P. Hart of Cumberland and Mrs. Archibald Alty of Newport are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. V. Hart for the week.

## PENROD

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## CHAPTER XXII.

Fenchon.

PENROD had dropped the small hat and, exclaiming, "Why, I don't wear it!" followed Fenchon out into the morning yard, where they came to a halt and surveyed each other.

Penrod stared at Fenchon, no other occupation suggesting itself to him, while Fenchon, with the utmost coolness, made a very thorough examination of Penrod, favoring him with an estimating scrutiny which lasted until he literally blinked. Finally he spoke.

"Where do you buy your coat?" he asked.

"What?"

"Where do you buy your neckties?"

"Papa gets his at Skoon's. You ought to get yours there. I'm sure the one you're wearing isn't from Skoon's."

"Skoon's?" Penrod repeated.

"Skoon's?"

"On Fifth Avenue," said Fenchon.

"It's a very smart shop, the men say."

"Men?" echoed Penrod in a hoarse whisper. "Men?"

"Where do your people go in summer?" inquired the lady. "We go to Long Shore, but so many middle class people have begun coming there in summer that it's no longer a secret. The middle classes are simply awed, don't you think?"

"What?"

"They're so awed. You speak French, of course?"

"Me?"

"We can over to Paris last year. It's lovely, don't you think? Don't you love the Rue de la Paix?"

Penrod wandered in a labyrinth. This girl seemed to be talking, but her words were dumfounding, and of course there was no way for him to know that he was really listening to her mother. It was his first meeting with one of those grown-up little girls, wonderful products of the higher apartment and summer hotel, and Fenchon, an only child, was a star of the brand. He began to feel resentful.

"I suppose," she went on, "I'll find everything here fearfully western. Some nice people called yesterday, though. Do you know the Magaworths?"

"Auntie says they're charming. Will they be at your party?"

"I guess he will," returned Penrod, finding this intelligible. "The miff?"

"Miff?" Fenchon exclaimed. "Aren't you great pals with him?"

"What's 'miff'?"

"Good heavens! Don't you know what it means to say you're 'great pals' with any one? You are an odd child!"

It was too much.

"Oh, bugs!" said Penrod.

This bit of vulgarity had a curious effect. Fenchon looked upon him with sudden favor.

"I like you, Penrod," she said in an odd way, and whatever else there may have been in her manner there certainly was no shyness.

"Oh, bugs!" This repetition may have lacked gallantry, but it was uttered in no very decided tone. Penrod was shaken.

"Yes, I do!" she stepped closer to him, smiling. "Your hair is ever so pretty!"

Salts' parents swear like matrons, they say, and say mothers ought to realize that all children are imitative, for as the previous Fenchon leaned toward Penrod the manner in which she looked into his eyes might have made a thoughtful observer wonder where she had learned her pretty ways.

Penrod was even more confused than he had been by her previous mysteries, but his confusion was of a distinctly pleasant and alluring nature. He wanted none of it. Looking intently into another person's eyes is an act unknown to childhood, and Penrod's discovery that it could be done was sensational. He had never thought of looking into the eyes of Marjorie Jones.

Despite all vagueness, confusion, fear and Maurice Levy, he still secretly thought of Marjorie, with pathetic constancy, as his "queen," though that is not how he would have spelled it. Marjorie was beautiful; her curls were long and the color of amber; her nose was straight, and her freckles were honest; she was much prettier than this accomplished visitor. But beauty is not all.

"I do," breathed Fenchon softly.

She seemed to him a fairy creature from some other world than this. So humble is the human heart it glories and makes glamorous almost any poor thing that says to it, "I like you!"

Penrod was awed. He swallowed, coughed, scratched the back of his neck and said dispiritedly:

"Well, I don't care if you want to, I just as soon."

"Well, dance together!" said Fenchon, "at your party."

"I guess so. I just as soon."

"Don't you want to, Penrod?"

"Well, I'm willing to."

"No. Say you want to."

"Well."

He used the word as a cloak, boring into the ground, his wide open eyes staring with intense anxiety at a button on his sleeve. The stranger appeared upon the porch in a moment, calling faintly over her shoulder to Marjorie, who stood in the doorway.

"Say it!" whispered Fenchon.

"Well, I just as soon."

She seemed satisfied.

A dancing floor had been laid upon a platform in the yard when Mrs. Schofield and her son arrived at their own abode, and a white and scarlet striped canopy was in process of erection overhead to shelter the dancers from the sun. Workmen were busy everywhere under the direction of Margaret, and the unmitigated heart of Penrod began to beat rapidly. All this was for him. He was twelve!

After lunch he underwent an elaborate toilet and murmured not. For the first time in his life he knew the wish to be snubbed, waxed, and polished to the highest possible degree. And when the operation was over he stood before the mirror in new bloom, feeling encouraged to hope that his resemblance to his father was not so strong as Aunt Sarah seemed to think.

The white gloves upon his hands had a pleasant smell, he found, and as he came down the stairs he had great content in the twinkling of his new dancing slippers. He stepped twice on each step the better to enjoy their effect, and at the same time he deeply inhaled the odor of the gloves. In spite of everything Penrod had his social capacities. Already it is to be perceived that there were in him the makings of a cotton leader.

Then came from the yard a sound of tuning instruments, a squeak of fiddle, croon of cello, a falling triangle ringing and tinkling to the floor, and he turned pale.

Chosen guests began to arrive, while Penrod, suffering from stage fright and perspiration, stood beside his mother. In the "drawing room," to receive them, he greeted unfamiliar acquaintances and intimate fellow criminals with the same frigidity, murmuring "I'm glad to see you" to all alike, largely increasing the embarrassment which always prevails at the beginning of children's festivities. His unnatural pomp and circumstance had so thoroughly upset him, in truth, that Marjorie Jones received a distinct shock, now to be related.

Dr. Thorpe, the very kind old clergyman who had baptized Penrod, came in for a moment to congratulate the boy and had just moved away when it was Marjorie's turn, in the line of children, to speak to Penrod. She gave him what she considered a forgiving look and, because of the occasion, addressed him in a perfectly courteous manner.

"I wish you many happy returns of the day, Penrod."

"Thank you, sir," he returned, following Dr. Thorpe with a glassy stare in which there was absolutely no recognition of Marjorie. Then he greeted Maurice Levy, who was next to Marjorie, "I'm glad to see you!"

Dumfounded, Marjorie turned aside and stood near, observing Penrod with gravity. It was the first great surprise of her life. Customarily she had seemed to place his character somewhere between that of the professional rascal and that of the orang outang. Nevertheless her manner at times just hinted a consciousness that this Callan was her property, whereas she stared at him incredulously as his head bobbed up and down in the dancing school bow, greeting his guests. Then she heard an adult voice near her exclaim:

"What an exquisite child!"

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"AS INNOCENT AS GOVERNOR"

Claim in Letter Written to Whittaker  
at Last Moment, in Which He  
Makes Violent Attack Upon Execu-  
tion—Yields Life Without Rancor  
and is Composed to Die, End

Charles Becker, former head of the  
New York slitting and squad of de-  
fectives, died in the electric chair  
in Sing Sing prison for the murder of  
Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, who  
was shot to death by hired gunmen on  
July 16, 1915, in front of the Hotel  
Metropole, New York city.

The murder was the swift culmination  
of sensational charges made a  
few days before by Rosenthal against  
Becker, in which Rosenthal asserted  
that Becker freely sold police protection  
and had accumulated thousands  
of dollars of graft money.

Twice did a jury declare Becker  
guilty of hitting the assassination of  
Rosenthal. The motive was estab-  
lished, and two different juries be-  
lieved the testimony. The convicted  
man had his appeals to every court  
having jurisdiction, and lost them all.

Becker was followed in the death  
chamber by Emanuel Hynnes, a Negro  
murderer, who killed a woman in Pal-  
myra. It was at Becker's own re-  
quest that he was to be the first of  
the two to die.

Mr. Cully of New York, who has  
been Becker's spiritual adviser over  
since his first conviction, heard Becker  
era spiritual confession at 1 a. m.,  
and gave him the Catholic confession.  
At 5:10 he was taken to the  
death chamber, where the execution  
quickly followed.

The last hope of Becker died when  
he was told that his wife had failed  
to move Governor Whittaker to grant  
him a reprieve. This, Mrs. Becker  
asserted of the governor at a conference  
she had with him at Poughkeepsie.  
Failing in her mission, she started  
for Sing Sing, arriving at 11:30 p. m.

Becker, it was said, had not ex-  
pected clemency. Almost at the  
moment the news was received, the  
prisoner gave out a letter he had  
written to Governor Whittaker in  
which he attacked the executive for  
having, as he indicated, given to the  
newspapers statements which cast a  
"dark aspersions on my character" and  
for which he demanded a retraction.

In this letter the former police  
lieutenant again reiterated his inno-  
cence of the crime for which he has  
been twice convicted.

"To those charges and to all others,  
I answer," the letter read, "by  
repeating solemnly, on the brink of  
the world to which you are sending  
me before my time, what was my  
constant answer in the world: I am  
as innocent as you of slaying mir-  
dered Herman Rosenthal or of hav-  
ing counselled, procured or aided his  
murder, or having any knowledge of  
that dreadful crime."

The statements, which Becker re-  
ferred to as having been credited to  
the governor were, that he had of-  
fered to plead guilty of murder in the  
second degree, that, quoting from  
Becker's letter, he "had offered to  
give testimony against several per-  
sons (whose names are undisclosed)  
of having shared with me in collect-  
ing money from lawbreakers," that  
he had sent counsel to two men ar-  
rested for complicity in the Rosen-  
thal murder, and that "with a cruelty  
almost inconceivable, it is stated that  
my first wife died under circum-  
stances warranting suspicion that I  
had caused her death."

Becker explained the death of his  
first wife by declaring that she died  
of "hasty consumption" and that no  
breath of suspicion had ever been  
raised against him in that connection.

"Mark well, sir, these words of  
mine," the letter concluded, "When  
your power passes, then the truth of  
Rosenthal's murder will become  
known. But not while your nominees  
remain district attorneys and can hold  
the club over these persons. With the  
aid of judges who were misled into  
misconceiving the testimony offered  
to my trial and into mistaking it both  
to the jury and on appeal, you have  
permitted yourself able to destroy my  
life."

"But, believe me, I will surrender  
it without rancor. Not all the judges  
in this state, nor in this country, nor  
the governor of this state, nor the  
district attorney, nor all of them com-  
bined can destroy permanently the  
character of an innocent man."

Becker seemed coldly resigned to  
his fate. The prison officials re-  
ported that his composure was re-  
markable.

**Dive Kills Sing Sing Convict**  
With a whoop of joy a crowd of  
Sing Sing convicts charged down on  
the new swimming pool. Richard De  
Bora was the first in. His head  
struck the cement bottom and he was  
killed.

**Hot Weather in Alaska**  
The temperature rose to 90 degrees  
at the state at Seward, Alaska, and  
reached 100 at Kvad lake. There  
have been only four rainy days in two  
months.

**Primer May Become Counsellor**  
Mr. Palmer, former representative  
from Pennsylvania, is reported  
to intend to have been selected  
as counsel of the state department.

**Warden Smith Exonerated**  
After investigating the attack on Leo  
Frank at the Milledgeville state  
prison, the Georgia prison com-  
missioner exonerated Warden Smith.

# CHARLES BECKER Former Police Lieutenant Goes to the Electric Chair



Photo by American Press Association

## VOTE ALMOST UNANIMOUS

Railroad Workers Demand Saturday  
Half Holiday With Pay

Employees of the Boston and Maine  
railroad connected with the mechanical  
department, the bridge and build-  
ing department, and the roundhouse  
department, including signal men,  
have voted to strike if their demands  
for a full day's pay for Saturday half  
holidays are not granted.

The votes were sent to officers at  
Boston, where it was announced by  
union officials that out of two-thirds  
of the votes received 95 percent fa-  
vored a strike.

## MALIK IS INSANE

Instructed Jury Verdict in Case of  
Man Who Threatened President

Rudolph Malik, the Austrian ar-  
rested at New York for sending a  
threatening letter to President Wil-  
son, was acquitted by an instructed  
jury verdict on grounds of temporary  
insanity.

Malik was sent to Bellevue hospital  
pending commitment to an asylum for  
the insane, where he will receive  
treatment.

## Wilson Takes Tea With Artists

President Wilson received members  
of the Cornish artist and author colony  
at an informal tea given in their honor  
by Miss Margaret Wilson on the lawn  
of the summer-house of the president.  
It was the first time he has taken part  
in an affair of this kind since the  
death of Mrs. Wilson.

## Auto Trucks For Mail Service

Boston's new automobile mail ser-  
vice, the first in this country, will  
become a reality on Aug. 15. The  
\$47,500 contract for furnishing eleven  
auto trucks for the mail delivery and  
collection was awarded to the Bos-  
ton Mail Delivery company.

## Italian General Killed

General Antonio Cantore of Italy  
was killed on the Isonzo front. He is  
the first officer of his rank lost by  
Italy. He won a general's commis-  
sion by the heroism he displayed dur-  
ing operations in Tripoli.

## Was Father of Naval Militia

John Reed, 75, former state sen-  
ator, father of the naval militia, and  
for many years a Boston sporting  
goods dealer, died at his home at  
Cambridge, Mass. Death was due to  
heart trouble.

## New York Mayor Fined

Mayor Mitchell of New York paid a  
\$5 fine in court at Atlantic City for  
seeding forty miles an hour on the  
Meadows boulevard. He was racing  
with Congressman Kreider of Penn-  
sylvania.

## Collapse of Fish Wharf

A cargo of salt and a stock of salted  
fish, valued at \$15,000, were ruined  
when Guy H. Parker's fish wharf at  
Bass Harbor, Me., collapsed, carry-  
ing storehouse and contents into the  
water.

## Mother and Daughter Killed

Mrs. John Everett of South Paris,  
Me., and her young daughter, Ivy,  
were instantly killed when an auto-  
mobile in which they were riding was  
struck by an express train at a cross-  
ing.

## Nashville Receiver Ousted

Judge Wilson of the Tennessee  
court of civil appeals granted a writ  
of supersedeas setting aside Chan-  
cellor Allison's recent order appoint-  
ing a receiver for the city of Nash-  
ville.

## Death in Hotel Fire

Manager Barlow was killed and six  
persons injured when the Lux Hotel  
at Waterbury, N. Y., was destroyed  
with \$50,000 loss. Police believe the  
fire was incendiary.

## After Twenty-Fall River, Mass.

Storekeepers had reported that com-  
municated by letters had been passed on  
them, the police took into custody  
James H. Holden and Robert Parker.  
No damaged the plant of the  
Union Manufacturing company, Fall  
River, Mass., to the extent of several  
thousand dollars. Hundreds of work-  
ers are temporarily out of employ-  
ment.

# SAFETY OF ARMY IS ABOVE CITIES

Russia Preparing For the Evac-  
uation of Warsaw

TO AVOID DECISIVE BATTLE

Petrograd Explains to Public That  
Retreat is Often Worst Form of  
Military Strategy—Army to Fall  
Back on Easter Line of Defense,  
Being Confronted by 2,140,000  
of the Enemy—Quietness in West Con-  
tinues—Another Considerable Suc-  
cess Scored by Italians

Despite the fact that as far as can  
be seen from the official reports the  
Russians are still holding their lines  
around Warsaw, there are several in-  
dications that they are about to aban-  
don the city and retreat to a stronger  
line of defense.

The expected abandonment seems  
to be a matter of strategy, for not  
even the German and Austrian official  
reports show any serious inroads in  
the Russian defenses during the past  
two days.

It is supposed, however, that the  
Russian commanders have no hope of  
getting the vast amount of ammunition  
needed to cope with the German  
quadruple, and that they consider it  
wise to fall back on an easier line of  
defense.

One of the most significant hints  
in the news bearing on this question  
was the evident attempt on the part  
of the Petrograd authorities to pro-  
pound the public mind for such a step  
as the evacuation of Warsaw.

The military writers of the Petro-  
grad papers were evidently called to-  
gether by the military authorities and  
asked to explain to the public that of-  
ten a retreat in the worst form of  
military strategy, and that an army  
is of far more importance than a city.

## "True Line of Defense"

It was shown that Russia's true line  
of defense was not the Vistula  
line, but along a new line of strong  
positions marked by the Kovno,  
Ordnung and Brest-Litovsk fortresses.  
This would serve to strengthen the  
Russian line, enabling Grand Duke  
Nicholas to concentrate all his forces  
on a very much shorter front, it was  
pointed out.

As the result of an evidently in-  
spired interview with "high military  
authorities," the Brest-Litovsk  
Petrograd, after pointing out the  
handicap under which the Russian  
forces are now operating, declares  
they are confronted now by seventy  
German divisions of infantry, the ar-  
tillery and cavalry, in addition to the  
Austro-Hungarian army, which would  
make approximately thirty-five Ger-  
man army corps, or 1,440,000 men,  
and 700,000 Austrians, altogether 2,140,000 men, which presents any con-  
centration by the Russians at this  
time.

It adds: "Until Russia has com-  
pleted the mobilization of her indus-  
trial forces her army cannot meet the  
German artillery on equal terms."

Upon the authority of an unnamed  
military authority The Reich says it  
is possible that Russia is on the point  
of a maneuver which will consist of  
the retirement of the army from the  
Vistula to the new strategic line of  
fortresses.

It is taken by military observers in  
London that these editorials were  
published only with the permission  
of the Russian censorship and that  
the simultaneous publication of them  
by all newspapers indicates inspira-  
tion by the government to prepare the  
people for the event.

## Orderly Retreat Expected

As far as can be seen by the mili-  
tary observers the Russian retirement  
will not be a serious defeat. From  
the manner in which the Russian lines  
are holding Grand Duke Nicholas will  
be able to make an orderly retreat,  
saving his armies and military equip-  
ment and leaving Warsaw just an  
empty shell.

The grand duke is an adept at this  
kind of strategy and from the begin-  
ning of the war he has never hesi-  
tated to withdraw his forces when-  
ever it seemed military wisdom to  
adopt such a course.

There is no doubt that in the pre-  
scent great drive on the Warsaw front  
the great object of the Germans was  
to surround one or more of the Rus-  
sian armies and thereby paralyze the  
Russian offensive for some time.

If, however, as now seems likely,  
the Russians can get all these armies  
away intact, and not only intact but  
after inflicting enormous losses on  
their foes, it is difficult to see how  
any great gain comes to the Ger-  
mans from all the operations of the  
past two weeks.

## On the Western Front

On the western front there is little  
to report except some further suc-  
cesses of the French in Alsace. In  
the Belgian field matters are almost  
at a standstill.

An official report issued in London  
reports a rout of the Turks in Asiatic  
Turkey with a heavy loss of men and  
war equipment.

## Further Victories For Italians

Following their previous brilliant  
achievements on the battlefield, Ital-  
ian troops scored another consider-  
able success when they stormed the  
heights of San Martino, battling with  
fortifications, and occupied the vil-  
lage.

Farther to the right they pushed  
their attack from the Dobrovo Pla-  
tean and Rediputza around Monte  
Bassi, encircling a large contingent of  
Austrian troops. They took 3200  
prisoners, as well as a large amount  
of provisions, ammunition and war  
material.

# AIDED AMERICANS

German Submarine Took Care of  
Them After Sinking Latvian  
Consul General Skinner at London  
sent a report to Washington that  
the captain of the American steamer  
Jeolanaw had stated to the Ameri-  
can consular agent at Kirkwall that  
ample time was given him and his  
crew to leave the vessel before fired  
on, that the crew went on board the  
German submarine and their boats  
were taken in tow for fifty miles be-  
fore they were landed.

The rules of visit and search evi-  
dently were followed to the letter by  
the commander of the German subma-  
rine, according to official reports thus  
far received, and due precautions  
taken for the safety of the crew. Pro-  
vision messages had reported that the  
crew landed at Kirkwall in the Lat-  
vian's own boats.

The saving of the crew removed  
from the case dangerous aspects  
which might otherwise have brought  
about another climax in the relations  
between the two governments.

## BRITISH LOSSES 330,995

Of This Number 321,889 Were Among  
the Land Forces

The casualties in the British army  
and navy have reached a total of 330,-  
995, according to a printed statement  
issued by Premier Asquith at London.

The total naval casualties up to  
July 20 were 8106 and the military  
casualties to July 18 were 321,889.

The naval losses were divided as  
follows: Officers killed, 469; wound-  
ed, 87; missing, 20. Men killed,  
7130; wounded, 787; missing, 274.

The heaviest losses of the British  
occurred in Belgium and northern  
France, where 51,600 men were  
killed, 57,111 wounded, and 52,132  
missing.

## UNHAPPY BRUSSELS

Fine of \$1,000,000 Imposed upon City  
Because Zeppelin Was Destroyed

Another fine of \$1,000,000 has been  
imposed on the city of Brussels by  
the German authorities in conse-  
quence of the destruction of a Zepp-  
elin dirigible balloon at Evere by avi-  
ators of the entente allies, accord-  
ing to the correspondent at Havre of  
The Polit Parloir.

A dispatch from Amsterdam, June  
14, said that British airmen had at-  
tacked the Zeppelin sheds at Evere,  
north of Brussels, and set fire to the  
building, destroying the Zeppelin in-  
side.

## VENTS FURY ON PRESIDENT

Haitian Mob Murders Head of Repub-  
lic at Port au Prince

A mob of Haitians removed Vilbrun  
Guillaume, president of Haiti, from  
the French legation at Port au Prince,  
where he took refuge, and shot him to  
death in front of the building.

Guillaume was dragged from the  
protection of the legation. Once in  
the street the crowd surged around  
him with imprecations and shot him  
to death.

Later a body of troops tied a long  
rope to the president's body and  
dragged it through the principal  
streets, kicking and mutilating the  
corps.

War between Santo Domingo and  
Haiti loomed up as a strong proba-  
bly as a result of the storming of  
the legation, from which General O-  
scar was dragged to his death.

Oscar, governor of Port au Prince  
and a supporter of Guillaume, en-  
gaged to be executed all the political  
prisoners in the hands of the government.  
The victims of this massacre in-  
cluded General Zamor, a former pre-  
sident of Haiti.

American marines are now in con-  
trol of the two important ports of  
the island of Haiti—Port au Prince  
and Cape Haitien.

## He Got It

Eva—As we strolled along he wagger-  
ed a box of chocolates that I couldn't  
say the word "kiss." Belinda—And  
did you try? Eva—Yes, but he took  
the word from my very lips.

## Persuaders

Make the best of everything, think  
the best of every one, hope the best for  
yourself, do as I have done—persevere.  
—George Hophenson.

The First Methodist church, Con-  
cord, N. H., was burned with all its  
contents. The police believe the fire  
was of incendiary origin. The loss  
was \$25,000.

# ITCHING PIMPLES ON FACE AND ARMS

Would Turn Into Blotches, Caused  
Disfigurement, Had to Keep Arms  
Wrapped Up, Used Cuticura Soap  
and Ointment, in 2 Months Well.

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and they would turn into blotches. They  
caused disfigurement while they lasted  
and they fretted, for he would scratch (all he  
would do). When he scratched, wherever he put  
his hands afterwards on his face or arms, other people  
would appear. Night he woke up crying and I had  
to lay awake with him to warm water and bathe him.  
I had to keep his arms wrapped up most of the time on  
account of his clothes."

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remedies, but none did any good. Then I  
read about Cuticura Soap and Ointment and  
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## WEATHERCOCKS.

They Were Known Before Our Era and Were Then Called Tritons.

The weathercock had its origin at a very early date. Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, a noted Roman architect and engineer, who was born about 80 B. C., in his works calls a vane a triton, probably because in his time it had the form of a triton. The usual form on towers, castles and secular buildings was that of a banner, but on ecclesiastical buildings it was a representation of the male of the barnyard fowl.

There have been other forms of vane. The one over St. Peter's, Cornhill, London, is in the shape of a key; that over St. Mildred's church is a gilt ship under full sail. The grasshopper of the Royal Exchange, London, is the vane that formerly surmounted the former exchange. The dragon on the spire of Bow church, Chesham, is another celebrated vane.

One of Mother Shipton's prophecies was that when the dragon of Bow church and the grasshopper of the Royal Exchange should meet the streets of London would be deluged with blood. In what way they should meet the old dame did not explain, but it is known that at one time these two vane were side by side in the yard of a stonehouse in Old Street road, yet there was no shedding of blood.—London Answers.

## SAVED BY POETRY.

Plaintive Plea That Moved Lysander to Spare Athens.

When, B. C. 101, after a heroic struggle, Athens, the "City of the Violet Crown," was captured by Lysander there were not wanting clamorous voices to urge that the city which had for centuries brought such woes on Greece ought to be laid level with the ground.

The Spartan general at first lent a willing ear to his powerful allies, but while the council was still debating this momentous issue a plaintive voice was heard from the city walls chanting those noble lines from the "Electra" of Euripides, that most human of the poets of Greece, in which the heroine contrasts her fallen lot with the splendid exploits of her father, who had dismantled the towers of Troy.

Lysander bent his head and pondered on fortune's cruel reverses. Triumph and Agamemnon, who could tell but that he might be reserved for a fate as cruel? The lesson of moderation was accepted. Athens was saved.

Milton has immortalized this dramatic event in one of his best known sonnets.

The repeated air  
Of sad Electra's post had the power  
To save the Athenian walls from ruin  
Late.

## An East Indian Crime.

The occidental reader who shrinks his shoulders deplorably over the evils of Indian caste has little conception of what suffering the custom involves. His tragedies extend even to the humble, commonplace matters of everyday life. A little incident witnessed by Prince Bogdan, Kanagorovitch and elucidated in his "Enchanted India" needs no comment.

Stones and flying sticks were thrown at a little pulchritude whose shadow on the pavement defied the foot of a Brahmin.

He merely threw away the rice, which the dogs soon finished. But the bystanders who witnessed the girl's insolence in going so near a holy man—she, so low and unworthy—flow at the unhappy creature, who ran away screaming and dropping the load of wood she was carrying on her back.

## Holland's Colonies.

Holland, with a population numbering only a little more than 1,000,000 and with an area only about one-fourth the size of the state of New York, ranks third among the countries of the earth in the number of its colonies and fifth among them in the area of its colonies. Only Great Britain and France have greater colonial populations, and only Great Britain, France, Germany and Portugal have greater colonial areas. The Dutch rule six times as many people—88,000,000—outside of Holland as there are with in its boundaries.—Argument.

## The Spinal Column.

The spinal column, or backbone, is the most ingenious engineering structure ever constructed. It contains within its center the spinal canal, injury to which would produce in us immediate paralysis or death. The separate bones of the spinal column are fitted and adjusted so nicely that there is little danger of this, and, besides being provided with cushions, it is elastic and strong.

## Making Progress.

"Is the girl you love beginning to smile on you?"  
"Well, no," replied Cholly Lichborne, earnestly. "She hasn't gone quite that far, but every time I say anything she smiles at me."—Richmond Times Dispatch.

## Unanswered.

"Say, pop, may I ask you a question?"  
"Yes, Toddy. What is it?"  
"When a man's finished milking a cow, how does he turn off the milk?"

## Success in Fiction.

Crawford—How can I make money by out of short stories if he never sold one?

Cashaw—Why, man, he's teaching others how to write them. Life.

## Well Up.

"Now, in the course of this play," said the manager, "you are expected to do several funny falls. How are you to feel?"

"I come next to Niagara," responded the actor, with that confidence not unnecessary to a comedian of rank.—Puck.

## MILLET AND BARBIZON.

The Great Painter's "Visit" to the Hamlet He Immortalized.

In an article on Millet in "Sketches of Great Painters," by Edwin Watts Chubb, there is an interesting account of how this famous French painter happened to be forever associated with the hamlet of Barbizon.

"In 1810 a Norman peasant," writes Mr. Chubb, "with his wife and three children, drove to a footpath leading to the little hamlet of Barbizon. They were near the great and beautiful forest of Fontainebleau, but at this moment they had little interest in the magnificent forest, for it was raining, and they had to abandon the highway and their vehicle to enter the pathway that led to the hamlet. The man was well built and with a good and notable head. His shoulders were the strong shoulders of a man of thirty-five, so he placed thereon his two little girls, while his wife followed with an infant in her arms. By her side walked a servant carrying a basket of provisions. Together the little party trudged through the rain, the mother raising her skirt to protect the little one from the rain. A peasant woman thought a band of strolling players was arriving.

"The sturdy father of the family was Millet, the man destined to immortalize the little village of Barbizon. He had come down from Paris the day before with his friend Jacques to find a quiet little hamlet on the edge of the forest. Jacques had learned of this ideal spot, but had forgotten the name, except that it ended in 'ron.' They had found it at last, and there Millet intended to remain 'for a time.' He remained for twenty-seven years—that is, to the end of his life."

## JUST TAKING A NAP.

Never Lie Down Dressed Without a Covering Over You.

When dropping down on a couch for a nap during the day many persons seem to feel that, because they are fully dressed, it is not at all necessary to add extra covering.

While we are awake we are constantly in motion of some sort. Every movement, no matter how slight it is, brings into action some muscles. Every time an effort is made the blood rushes forward to defuse those moving muscles. The heart beats more quickly following effort, and the air streams in greater abundance into the lungs.

All of this means that action, and the consequent effort creates and keeps up what we call normal bodily heat.

Now during what we call sleep all these conditions are changed. The muscular rest as well as the brain. The heart beats more slowly, and the breathing is, in consequence, more quietly done—all of which tends to bring about the lowering of the body's temperature, and the sleeping person loses some of this heat. He senses or feels this less readily and often, if he has lain uncovered, such a person is liable to complain of feeling cold upon awakening.

Therefore to enable one to keep in or retain the normal bodily heat while sleeping, even if the sleeping is done in a warm room, one should not fail to have a covering of some sort ready at hand.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

## Rules on the Clermont.

At the head of regulations for Fulton's "North river steamboat" (Clermont) was this paragraph: "The rules which are made for order and neatness in the boat, are not to be abused. Judgment shall be according to the letter of the law. Gentlemen wishing well to the public and useful an establishment, will see the propriety of strict justice, and the propriety of the least imposition on the purse or feelings of any individual."

One of the rules on the Clermont read: "It is not permitted for any person to lie down in a berth with their boots or shoes on under a penalty of one dollar and a half and half a dollar for every half hour they may offend against this rule."

## Frohman's Shyness.

When David Belasco and Charles Frohman made their joint production of "A Celebrated Case" they sat together among the audience the first night. After the third act the audience called for them.

"You take the call," said C. F., shrinking back.

"Not without you," was Belasco's reply.

"But I have never gone before the curtain in my life."

"But I can't without you."

"I am the proprietor of this theater," returned Mr. Frohman, "and you must do as I tell you."—New York World.

## Doing Her Best.

Mrs. Lambert laid down the evening paper, looked across the library table at her husband and remarked:

"Really, some of the things you read seem almost incredible. After all, one-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives."

"Never mind," replied the braver, "that's certainly no fault of yours."—New York Times.

## Lefty Expectations.

"Is your husband all you thought he was?"  
"Just about. But he doesn't come close to being all he thought he was."

## Mean Hint.

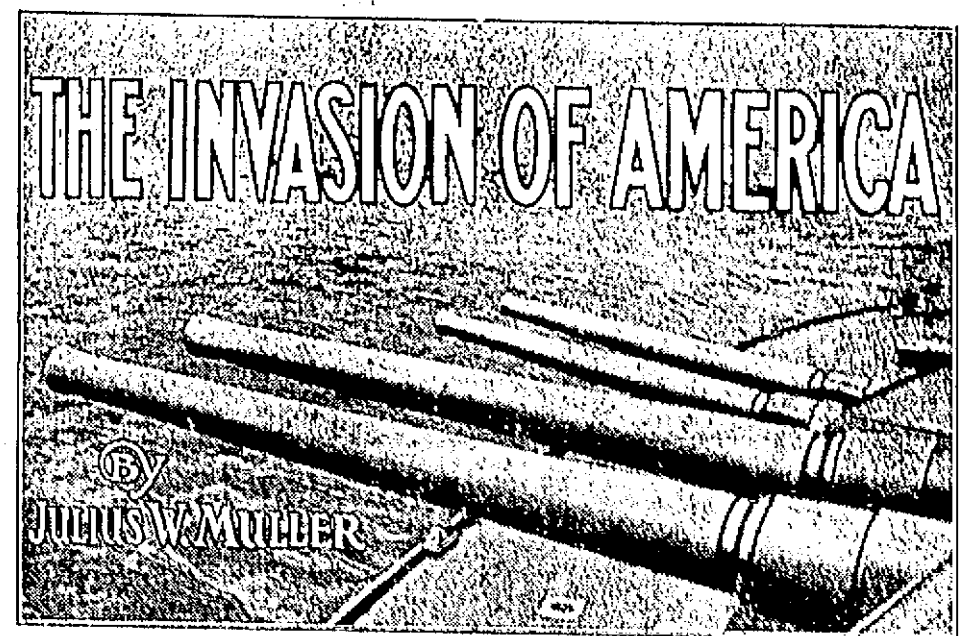
Nell—I could tell you of a lot of men who wanted my hand. Belle—You must have fared well in the deal.—Baltimore American.

Winter finds out what summer lays up.—Anderson.

## A Quaker Wooden Flower.

A quaker wooden flower is to be found in Guatemala. This flower is called the rose of hell from the fact that it grows on the sides of Mount Agua and round the sacred cities of the volcano of Fuego. It has four distinct petals, the outside of which are covered with bark like that of a tree. The stem usually about a foot high, is of solid wood covered with bark. The flower measures nearly a foot across.

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## Speed of Waterfowl.

Waterfowl have great powers of flight. The canvasback duck covers from 100 to 200 feet a second. The blue winged teal and the green winged teal, the bluebill and the redpolls are only a little slower. Mallards, pintails, wood ducks, black ducks and others can easily fly faster than a mile a minute. Even such large birds as cranes, swans, pelicans and geese can fly at a speed of more than 100 feet a second.

The speed of waterfowl has often been measured with great accuracy. Two men take positions on a duck pass a measured distance apart. The first man carries a stop watch and a gun, the second a gun only. As the fowl pass the first blind the timer shoots in order to frighten the birds into full speed and starts his watch. As the ducks pass the second blind the man there throws a shot, and the timer stops his watch. The usual length of the course is a quarter of a mile, although a mile "track" is sometimes used.—Youth's Companion.

## A Lasting Window Polish.

There is an art in washing windows, and if they are properly polished the operation need not be repeated for a long time. A really good polish will survive several rainstorms and will only require the dust to be removed occasionally with a dry cloth. The inside of the windows should be washed with tepid water, without soap or powder of any kind, rubbed dry with chamois and polished with cheese cloth. A solution for cleaning the outside should be made from one ounce of pulverized whiting, one ounce of grain alcohol, one of liquid ammonia and a pint of water. Spray the window with clear water to remove surface dirt, and apply the solution with a soft cloth. Let this dry. Afterward polish with cheese cloth or tissue paper. If the glass has been badly scratched a filling may be applied. This consists of an ounce of white wax dissolved in turpentine. It should be applied before the polishing.—Washington Star.

## Questions.

There are many different kinds of questions, but, roughly speaking, they all may be included in the following three divisions: first, those which can be answered; second, those which may be answered; third, those which should not be answered. Illustrating the first division are those questions which others never care to hear others answer; the second includes questions which are asked, privately, publicly, perplexing and political; in fact, any questions which stuporous assert cannot be answered; the third division, questions which should not be answered, includes what? Well, that is a question which should not be asked.

Some people ask questions because they wish to know more; some ask them because they desire to show what they already know, and some ask them because they want to show what others do not know.—Life.

Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used until they are seasoned.—Holmes.

## Houses in Buenos Aires.

No building in Buenos Aires is permitted to be higher than the width of the street upon which it is erected; hence the skyscraper will never become popular there, despite the splendid growth and wide awake of the city. Much as this prohibition is known, it is not generally thought of in the light of age. However, it is one of the oldest cities in the new world. The first white settlement was made just forty-two years after the discovery of America by Columbus, and the first buildings were mud huts thatched with straw. Then a brick kiln was made and later tiles and bricks were imported from Spain. The first city was of Spanish architecture, and that style prevailed for more than 200 years. Despite the many great changes which have come through the passage of time and the general building advance in the world, four-fifths of the houses of Buenos Aires are still of one story, although there are streets lined with six-story palaces.—Exchange.

## A Unique Lightship.

On the island of Islay, on the west coast of Scotland, there is stationed the Otter rock, a unique lightship. It is unusual, yet it can be relied on to display the warning light to guide the mariner on this dangerous coast. It is a most ingeniously constructed vessel and the only one of its kind. In its two steel tanks a sufficient quantity of gas can be stored to supply the lantern for several months. Experiments have shown that the light may be depended upon to burn continuously for months at a time. The approximate duration of the light can be predetermined and there is no danger whatever of its being extinguished by wind or spray. The light is visible at a distance of from eight to twelve miles. The lightship also has a bell, which is made to ring automatically by means of an ingenious device that utilizes the gas as it passes from the tanks to the lantern to work the bell clapper.—Every Week.

## Poisonous Fish.

Poisonous fish are rare here, but common in the tropics. A Japanese fish, fugu, has deadly poisonous roe. Roe of pike and meat of sturgeons are poisonous when spawning. The bile and liver of many fish are poisonous. But most fish poison is due to decay.

## Domestic Bliss.

Madame—I don't know where our son gets all his faults from. I'm sure he doesn't get them from me. Monsieur—No, you're right there; you haven't lost any of yours.

Man's chief wisdom consists in knowing his follies. Rochefortcaull.

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## JUSTICE VERSUS LAW.

And a Judge Who Had No Patience With Legal Quibbling.

The Central Law Journal says that Theophilus Huntington, a Vermont judge in the early part of the last century, was a man who loved the law and hated little for more legal quibbling. "If justice controls your verdict," he would often say to the jury, "you will not miss the general principle of the law." At one trial when the possession of a farm was in question the defendant offered a deed of the premises to which the plaintiff's lawyer, Daniel Chipman, objected because it had no seal.

"But your client sold the land, was paid for it and signed the deed, did he not?" asked the judge.

"That makes no difference," said Chipman. "The deed has no seal and cannot be admitted to evidence."

"In anything else the matter with the deed?" asked the judge.

"I don't know that there is."

"Mr. Clerk," said the judge, "give me a wafer and a three cornered piece of paper."

The clerk obeyed, and the judge deliberately made and affixed the seal.

"There, Daniel Chipman," said he, "the deed is all right now. It may be put in evidence. A man is not going to be cheated out of his farm in this court when there is a whole box of wafers on the clerk's desk."

## ORIENTAL MENDACITY.

A Little Thing Like the Truth Is of No Account in Egypt.

It is said that the Chinese are very particular of the truth, and that no oath will prevent them from giving false witness. In Egypt it is also very easy to get native witnesses to swear to anything, true or untrue.

For instance, Ahmed, a native of Cairo, had a slave who peeped over a wall into Sulaiman's harem, and the ladies considered themselves insulted. Sulaiman wanted revenge, but he could not bring his wives into court to testify, so it was agreed that Sulaiman should accuse Ahmed's camel of walking on Sulaiman's land. A crowd of witnesses came forward and for two days testified about the camel and the land, until the English judge decided in favor of Sulaiman.

It was not until a week afterward that the judge discovered to his great surprise that Sulaiman had no ground and Ahmed had no camel.—Exchange.

## Shakespeare's House.

The house in which the master hand was born is located in Henley street, Stratford-on-Avon, England. Washington Irving said of this famous abode of genius: "It is a small, mean looking edifice of wood and plaster, a true nestling place of genius, which seems to delight in hatching its offspring in byways. The walls of its quaint chambers are covered with names and inscriptions in every language of pilgrims of all nations, ranks and conditions, from the prince to the peasant, and present a simple but striking instance of the spontaneous and universal homage of mankind to the great poet of nature."

Several years ago the house was purchased by subscription with a view to the careful preservation of it and of its contents for the inspection of future generations.

## Where Nature Cooks the Food.

In certain parts of New Zealand both native and white women use the natural hot springs to do their cooking. In the Rotorua region it matters not whether the cook wishes to roast a piece of meat, boil potatoes or steam pudding, all she has to do is to step out of doors and place the cooking utensil in a steam hole. The cover is then put on, and a piece of coarse sack over the whole completes the operation. In a short time dinner is ready. At Whakarewarewa the entire earth just beneath the surface is a mass of boiling springs. Millions of gallons of hot water hiss and steam, sending vapors skyward in great white clouds. Strike the ground almost anywhere with a stick and the hole thus formed fills with hot water.

## Longest English Lawsuit.

The longest lawsuit ever heard in England was that between the heirs of Thomas Talbot, Viscount Mils, and the heirs of Lord Berkeley respecting certain lands and possessions not far from Wootton-under-Edge, in the county of Gloucester. It commenced at the end of the reign of Edward IV, and was pending till the reign of James I, when a compromise took place after it had lasted about 125 years.—London Answers.

## And Catches Him.

"Men," declared the old fashioned preacher, "is a worm."  
"And," said a man who had been married three times and who was occupying a small space in a rear pew, "woman is the early bird."—Chicago Herald.

## Ripe Olives.

The olive is not a fruit in the sense that the apple is. It is not a fruit of a tree. It is a seedling, and the olive tree is to bear a seedling of life.

## And No Wonder.

"What makes that stout woman so fat?"  
"That is the way getting on the railway with the general and the first class."—London Answers.

## One in a Million.

What a lovely girl! What a lovely face! What a lovely smile! What a lovely voice! What a lovely everything!—New York Times.





